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MAYOR
ANGELO WEDO

October 30, 1980

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Eastern District Office
25089 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Attn: Daniel A. Papcke
On-Scene Coordinator

Dear Mr. Papcke:

I am in receipt of your October 22, 1980 letter regarding certain aspects of environmental problems here, in the City of Brook Park.

Immediately upon receiving your letter, I contacted the owners of the former Cleveland Tank Plant who are responsible for the wooded blocks in that area. They have contacted their Engineering Firm, who are making plans, in preparation for removing those blocks. They are going to do some grading in that area, and the City of Brook Park will begin immediate follow-up on the work that is required to protect the Abrams Creek Drainage System. We will work cooperatively in all respects with the Environmental Protection Agency to achieve the goals that you enumerated in your letter. We have already corrected the west bank of Abrams Creek, as was required by the Corp of Army Engineers. It certainly looks better than it once did. We hope to continue this program until it meets the satisfaction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Respectfully yours,

Angelo Wedo, Mayor
City of Brook Park

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UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V
Surveillance and Analysis Division
536 South Clark St
Chicago, Illinois 60605

October 22, 1980

Honorable Angelo Wedo
Brook Park City Hall
6161 Eagle Road
Brook Park, Ohio 44142

Dear Mayor Wedo:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has conducted a number of inspections at the dump located on Kolthoff Drive in Cleveland, Ohio. As a result of these inspections, it has been determined that there is a substantial threat of discharge of hazardous substances into Abrams Creek. Abrams Creek is a tributary of Lake Erie, a navigable waterway of the United States via the Rocky River.

It is the policy of the U.S. EPA to request the owner or operator of the site or facility from which there is a threat of discharge to accept the responsibility to abate that threat. If the owner or operator is unable or unwilling to take steps necessary to eliminate the threat of discharge, the U.S. EPA will initiate such action using Federal authority and funds pursuant to ee U.S.C. 1321(c)(1). The owner of the site may then be liable for the costs of the remedial actions subject to the liabilities and limitations of 33 U.S.C. 1321(f).

As the Federal On-Scene Coordinator in this instance, I am formally requesting the City of Brook Park to eliminate the threat of discharge of hazardous substances from the Kolthoff Drive dump site into Abrams Creek.

The following temporary remedial actions should be taken:

1. The oil soaked wooded blocks should be removed and taken to an Ohio EPA approved disposal site.
2. The remaining fill should be graded to a less than one foot to four foot pitch from the end of the fill, to a point, twenty feet from the river, or a concrete retaining wall should be constructed which will prevent erosion of the fill into the creek. This retaining wall must be constructed so that it meets the approval of the Corps of Engineers.
3. A series of monitoring wells should be installed on the site. They should be sampled for COD, TOC, TDS, phenols and conductivity. After some initial sampling is done, more parameters may be added as needed.

Pending results of further studies, additional work may be required. Please notify me of the course of action you intend to take within five days at the following address:

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Westlake, Ohio 44145

Sincerely yours,


Daniel A. Papcke
On-Scene Coordinator